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Dear Captain Seaman:

CONCURRENCE WITH REMOVAL ACTION COMPLETION REPORT, SITE 13, NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION, CHINA LAKE

The Department of Toxic Substances Control has reviewed the document titled Implementation Report for Removal Action at Site 13, Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, California (Completion Report). Site 13 is also known as the Oily Waste Trenches. The Completion Report, dated August 04, 2000, was received under cover of a Southwest Division letter dated August 16, 2000. The Completion Report was prepared for the Department of the Navy by IT Corporation and includes an appendix describing independent confirmation sampling activities and results performed by Tetra Tech EM Incorporated.

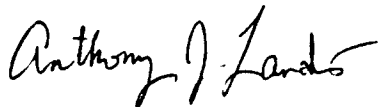
According to the document titled Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California, Site 13, Final Action Memorandum, waste and soil were to be removed until lead concentrations were less than or equal to 400 milligrams per kilogram. Removal objectives for other contaminants were to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency preliminary remedial goals for industrial land use. Based on information presented in the Completion Report, these objectives have been met via excavation and off site disposal of approximately 1050 tons of contaminated soil.

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Because the removal action was an interim action, a final remedy will be developed later as part of a final Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the area or a base wide RI/FS. If the final site remedy is based on acceptable risks calculated using industrial exposure scenarios, but residential exposure scenarios result in unacceptable risks, institutional controls will be required to insure that residential land uses are not developed in the future.

If you have questions or wish to discuss this matter please telephone me at (916) 255-3732 or Mr. Mike Purcell at (916) 255-3698.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony J. Landis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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